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IN THIS NEWS HOUR, FURTHER REPORTS FROM RIOT-TORN MAKHELASTAN, IN THE POLITICALLY VOLATILE CENTRAL EUROPEAN REGION SHARED BY LATVERIA--
-- ASTAN CEO, JANOS RADESCU, HAS GONE INTO HIDING FOLLOWING REVELATIONS THAT THE STATE AND ITS POPULATION ARE FULLY OWNED BY AMERICAN CORP ANGEL'S BREATH--
-- BBC WORLD SERVICE. YESTERDAY'S CURRENCY CRASH IN MAKHELASTAN HAS DRIVEN THAT STATE'S ALREADY IMPOVERISHED WORKERS INTO REVOLUTION--
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LATVERIA, ANTIKVA VILLAGE
MAN WANDERING ON HIS ROAD MUST BEAR THE TRIBULATION... OF FIRE AND WATER, EARTH AND AIR'S PROBATION.
IF HE PREVAILS AGAINST THE LURE OF EVIL'S MIGHT... HE SOON WILL KNOW THE JOYS OF HEAVEN'S DELIGHT.
ENLIGHTENED, HE WILL HIMSELF NOW PREPARE... THE HOLY MYSTERIES OF THE DEITY ALL TO SHARE.
POET
2064 - 2099
FORTUNE DOESN'T KNOW WHETHER TO LAUGH OR CRY.
POET DIDN'T BELIEVE IN GOD.
HE BELIEVED IN HIMSELF. AND GUNS.
AND THAT'S PROBABLY WHY HE'S DEAD.

THE FUNERAL TAKES TOO LONG TO END. A STATE FUNCTION, FORTUNE THINKS — POMP AND JABBERING.
I APPRECIATE THIS, DOOM... BUT WHY DIDN'T WE DO IT THE ZEFIRO WAY?
I KNOW POET WASN'T ZEFIRO, BUT HE WAS A GYPSY, IN HIS WAY.
I CONSIDERED THIS.
BUT I WISHED THE WORLD TO KNOW THAT DOOM HAS LOST AN ALLY THIS DAY, AND THAT LATVERIA RECOGNIZES THAT LOSS.
WELL... I DON'T KNOW QUITE HOW TO--
DOOM. YOU WISHED TO SPEAK.
OF COURSE, FORTUNE. THIS IS THE TSARINA, AN EXCELLENT PROBABILITY BROKER FROM RIGA.
WE SHALL TALK LATER, FORTUNE.
TSARINA, WE SHALL TAKE A LIFTER TO LIBERA CIELO, WHERE WE WILL JOIN IN CONFERENCE WITH QUEEN OKUSANA AND OTHERS...
ALL THOSE RICH STRANGERS FROM ABROAD AT POET'S FUNERAL.
WERE THEY ALL INFOBROKERS AND DATAPIRATES — THE SORT OF PEOPLE POET USED TO WORK FOR?
IT'S CLEAR AS MURDER TO FORTUNE --THIS FOND STATE FUNERAL WAS A FRONT FOR DOOM TO MEET THEM ALL.

CYBERSPACE:
CALIFORNIA AND SIDEWAYS STANDS THE WHOLE EARTH GATE, KEYHOLE INTO SAFE HEADSPACE FOR DISSIDENT NETGLIDERS.
BY THE SIDE OF THE GATE STANDS DUKE STRATOSPHERE, KNIGHT ERRANT OF THE NET.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME, DUKE STRATOSPHERE IS SCARED DOWN TO HIS MEAT.
HIS WIDE EYES FILL WITH SOMETHING ALMOST APOCALYPTICALLY ALIEN TO THE FREESTYLE AND ANARCHY OF CYBERSPACE.
SIX NETGLIDERS DROPPING FROM THE TOP OF THE WORLD...
... IN FORMATION.
LIKE SOLDIERS.

THE NARCODEMOCRACY OF COLOMBIA:
SINCE THE NECROTOXIFICATION OF BOGOTA, THE WESTERN CITY OF CALI HAS BEEN COLOMBIA'S CAPITAL.
IN THE STREETS, THE CABINET-IN-HIDING AND THEIR TROOPS FIGHT THE TRAFICANTES, CAUSING NOTHING BUT CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.
ON THE MOUNTAINSIDE, THE NARCOPRESIDENTE AND HIS CARTELS RELAX BEHIND THEIR SHIELDFIELD AND DO NOTHING BUT LAUGH.
COLOMBIA HAS ANOTHER CLAIM TO FAME. UNKNOWN TO BUT A FEW, THE MAN CALLED "A MENGELE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY" IS IN TOWN.
HE IS SOMETHING OF AN INNOVATOR IN CYBERNETICS. HIS NAME IS DR. JOSÉ FLEISCHMANN.
AND HE LIKES IT HERE.
AAAAH... NO ONE LOVES YOU WHEN YOU'RE FROTHING AT THE MOUTH.

... GHOUL... MOTHERLESS CORPSELOVER...
I KNOW YOU'RE UPSET. PICKED THE WRONG DAY TO CATCH A WOUND WHILE FIGHTING TRAFICANTES, EH?
LUCKY I FOUND YOU. ALL I WANT TO DO IS STRIP OFF YOUR FLESH AND BONE ENAMEL. COULD'VE BEEN WORSE.
NOW NOW, JUST LET THE SEDATIVE TAKE HOLD.
INCOMING;
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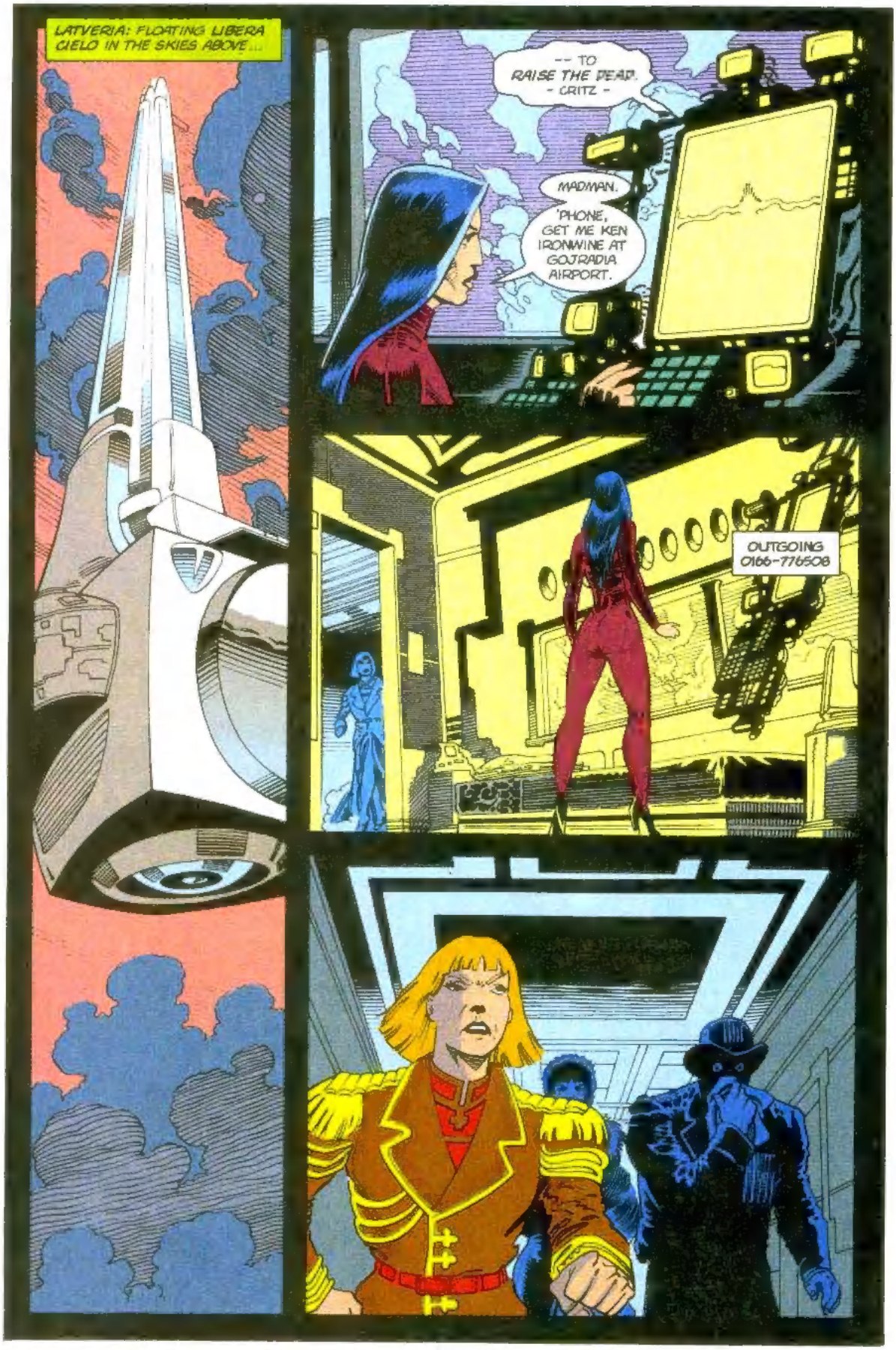
999
THE PHONE? WHAT BLOODY PHILISTINE IS THIS TO CALL ME NOW?
- CRITZ- THIS IS INDIGO ESHUN, CALLING FROM LIBERA CIELO, LATVERIA.
YES. I PICKED UP MY CONSTRUCTION MATTER FROM THE STREET. I TRUST THE PAYMENT WILL BE ROUTED FROM PIXEL?
MY PEOPLE WILL MOMENTARILY DOWNLOAD THE MATERIAL INTO YOUR COMPUTER, DIRECT FROM CYBERSPACE. HAVE YOU ALL YOU NEED?
THEN I SHALL COMMENCE TO RAISE THE DEAD WITH LOVING FLESH.
NOOOO


LATVERIA: FLOATING LIBERA CIELO IN THE SKIES ABOVE...
-- TO RAISE THE DEAD. - CRITZ -
MADMAN. 'PHONE, GET ME KEN IRONWINE AT GOJRADIA AIRPORT.
OUTGOING 0166-776508

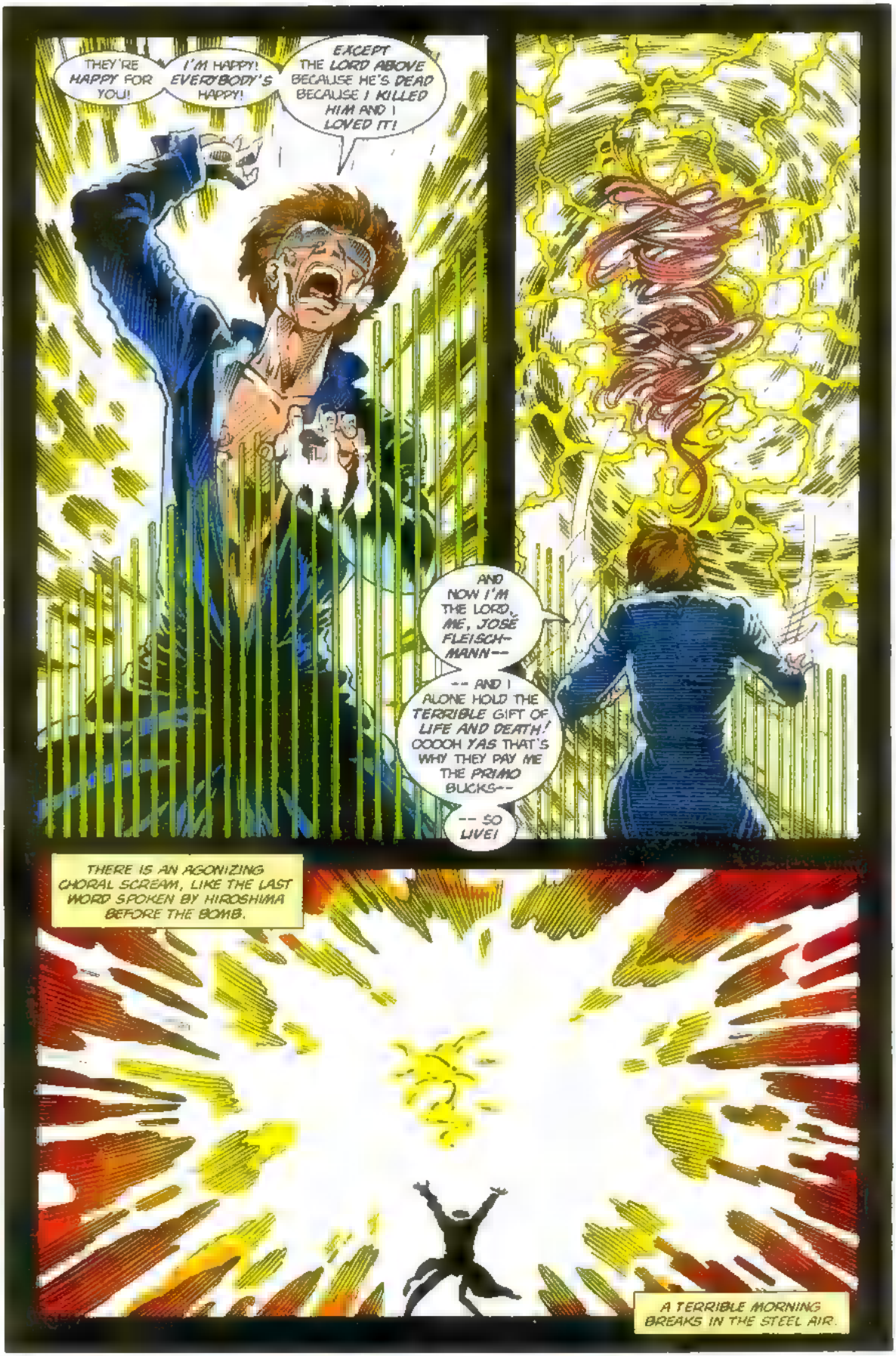
WORLDBOARD — OPEN NEW FILE.
RESULTS OF SECONDARY PHASE CONFERENCES.
THE REACTION I HAVE ENCOUNTERED MOST IN THE LAST SEVERAL HOURS, UPON RELATING MY INTENTIONS, IS SHOCK.
I SHOULD NOT DISCOUNT THE REACTION OF JOHN WAY, WHO HAS BUILT HIS FORTUNE UPON POLITICAL LIAISON BETWEEN THE AMERICAN MEGACORPS.
HE LEFT THIS SUITE WEEPING.
HOWEVER, IN GENERAL, MY STRATAGEM WAS SOUND. THE PLAYERS MADE AVAILABLE TO ME BY POET'S DEMISE WERE OF GREAT HELP.
QUEEN OKUSANA OF WAKANDA, AND THE OTHER MONARCHS AND CEOS WITH WHOM I SHARE SUPERFICIAL SYMPATHIES, WERE SUPPORTIVE.
THE TIME OF THE GREAT LEAP FORWARD COMES CLOSER, AND I FEEL...
... EXCITED.

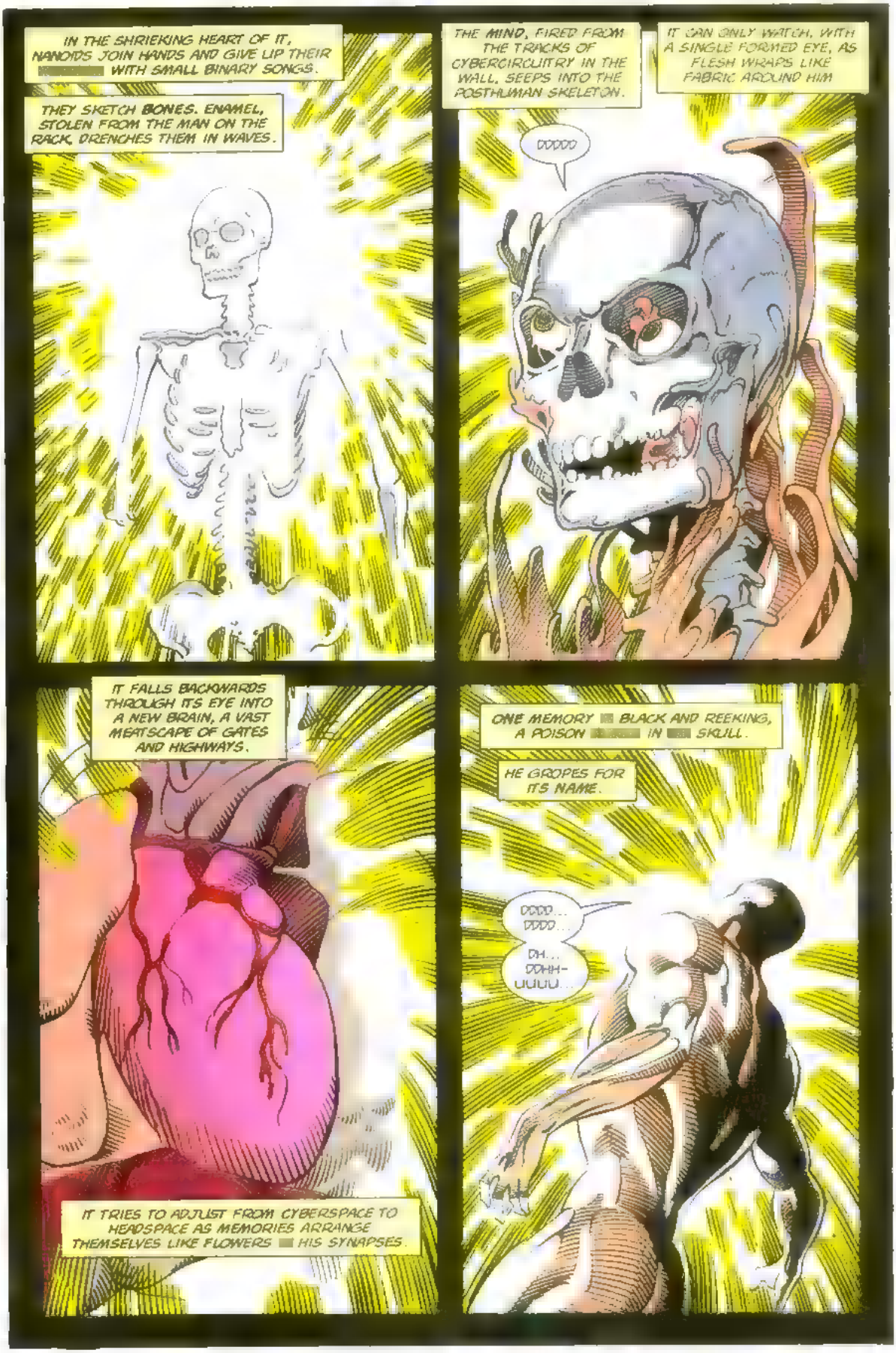
STRIP THREE (GOJRADIA AIRPORT):
POWER DOWN AND GIVE IT UP TO PORT SPIDERWEB FOR DESCENT CONTROL...
RECEIVED, STRIP THREE. HAVE MANAGER IRONWINE WAITING FOR US UPON DEPLANING.
A HALF-HOUR LATER, IRONWINE IS NO CLOSER TO THE TARMAC FOR A COURTEOUS MEETING WITH THE JET'S PASSENGERS.
THIS IS BECAUSE IRONWINE IS A TOAD.
AAAA
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET ME.
L-LISTEN, NAFKEH. I CAN HAVE YOU SHOT JUST BY BLINKING--
YOU STILL OPERATE IN AIRPORT ADMIN LANGUAGE? HOW QUAINT.
IF YOU EVER SHOOT ME, AND I FIND OUT ABOUT IT--

I WILL BE. UPSET.
AND, AS THE GUILD OF MERCENARY ELITE'S NEW DELEGATE TO CASTLE DOOM -- HERE, MY ACCREDITATION--
-- A WHOLE WORLD OF VERY UNPLEASANT PEOPLE WOULD BE UPSET TOO.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE SO MUCH CHUTZPAH IF YOU WEREN'T ON STILTS, NAFKEH.
I'M A TRIPLOID. THE THIRD STRING OF CHROMOSOMES MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.
I HAVE SOME ORDERS FOR YOU, KENNETH.
ONE: THERE IS VITAL EQUIPMENT ON MY PLANE THAT MUST BE INSTALLED HERE AT STRIP THREE. SEE TO IT.
TWO; MANY, MANY GUILD ELITE ARE GOING TO ARRIVE HERE SOON. IT'S HEALTHIER NOT TO OBSTRUCT THEIR ENTRY.
GEVALT. BETWEEN YOU AND THE NETGLIDERS, I SHOULD JUST QUIT AND LET YOU MAKE AN OPEN HOUSE OF MY POOR AIRPORT
DON'T TEMPT US.

A NEWS SPECIAL ON THE COLLAPSE OF AUTHORITY IN MAKHELASTAN.
REVOLUTIONARIES ARE SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYING ALL EMBLEMS AND TOOLS OF THE RULING CABINET--
--MAKING PROCLAMATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL NEWS TEAMS OF NEW DAWN, FREE OF AMERICAN OWNERSHIP.
MAKHELASTAN IS AN INDUSTRIAL STATE, PRODUCING CHEAP CYBER-INTERFACE HARDWARE IN APPALLING WORKING CONDITIONS.
EURO DATABROKERAGE PIXEL CANCELLED SEVERAL MASSIVE ORDERS OF MAKHELASTANI TECH, PRECIPITATING THE CURRENCY CRASH THAT IGNITED THESE TROUBLES.
--REVEALING THAT BOTH STATE AND POPULATION WERE OWNED BY U.S. CORP ANGEL'S BREATH.
WITHIN HOURS, DATA WAS DUMPED IN ALL MAJOR WORLD NEWS SERVICE NETS--PRESUMABLY BY ROGUE NET-GLIDERS--
THE CORP ALLEGEDLY INTENDED, IN LEAKED INTERNAL MEMOS, TO SELL MAKHELASTANI CHILDREN IN ORDER TO SHORE UP THE ECONOMY.
THE KUWAIT/ PHEROMONE FARMS, THE CHILDREN'S INTENDED DESTINATION, HAVE REMAINED SILENT.
AS HAS CASTLE DOOM, LATVERIA, LEAVING US WITH THE MYSTERY OF THESE IMAGES, NOW COVERING CENTRAL MAKHELASTAN.
SENDEPENDA VIVO
THE SLOGAN, IN THE LANGUAGE SHARED BY THE TWO NATIONS, MEANS "INDEPENDENT LIFE."

COLOMBIA:
LET OUR NECROMANCE COMMENCE.
FLOOD THE ROOM'S ATMOSPHERE WITH NANOIDS.
RELEASE THE PACKAGE ■UR NETGLIDERS BROUGHT US INTO THE WALL'S MINDTRACKS.
AAAH... TO BREATHE IN MONOMOLECU■ STEEL LIFE IS A WONDROUS THING.
TO FEEL ROBOTS, TINY GRAY MIRACLES, SURFING THE TIDAL AIR ■ MY LUNGS...
AHA! OUR RAW MATERIALS ARE BEING PROVIDED!
CAN YOU SEE THIS, PACKAGE, FROM YOUR SPARKING ROADWAY IN MY WALL?
MY NANOIDS ARE UNDRESSING THIS LOST SOUL TO PROVIDE YOUR WARDROBE!
LIGHTNING!
NANOIDS HAVE EMOTION AND CULTURE, DID YOU KNOW THAT?■
LIGHTNING IS NANOID LAUGHTER.


THEY'RE HAPPY FOR YOU!
I'M HAPPY! EVERYBODY'S HAPPY!
EXCEPT THE LORD ABOVE BECAUSE HE'S DEAD BECAUSE I KILLED HIM AND I LOVED IT!
AND NOW I'M THE LORD, ME, JOSÉ FLEISCH-MANN--
-- AND I ALONE HOLD THE TERRIBLE GIFT OF LIFE AND DEATH! OOOOH YAS THAT'S WHY THEY PAY ME THE PRIMO BUCKS--
-- SO LIVE!
THERE IS AN AGONIZING CHORAL SCREAM, LIKE THE LAST WORD SPOKEN BY HIROSHIMA BEFORE THE BOMB.
A TERRIBLE MORNING BREAKS IN THE STEEL AIR.


IN THE SHRIEKING HEART OF IT, NANOIDS JOIN HANDS AND GIVE UP THEIR [redacted] WITH SMALL BINARY SONGS.
THEY SKETCH BONES. ENAMEL, STOLEN FROM THE MAN ON THE RACK, DRENCHES THEM IN WAVES.
THE MIND, FIRED FROM THE TRACKS OF CYBERCIRCUITRY IN THE WALL, SEEPS INTO THE POSTHUMAN SKELETON.
IT CAN ONLY WATCH, WITH A SINGLE FORMED EYE, AS FLESH WRAPS LIKE FABRIC AROUND HIM
DDDDD
IT FALLS BACKWARDS THROUGH ITS EYE INTO A NEW BRAIN, A VAST MEATSCAPE OF GATES AND HIGHWAYS.
IT TRIES TO ADJUST FROM CYBERSPACE TO HEADSPACE AS MEMORIES ARRANGE THEMSELVES LIKE FLOWERS [redacted] HIS SYNAPSES.
ONE MEMORY [redacted] BLACK AND REEKING, A POISON [redacted] IN [redacted] SKULL.
HE GROPES FOR ITS NAME.
DDDD... DDDD...
DH... DDHH- UUUU...

WELCOME BACK TO THE MEAT, WIRE.
DOOM!

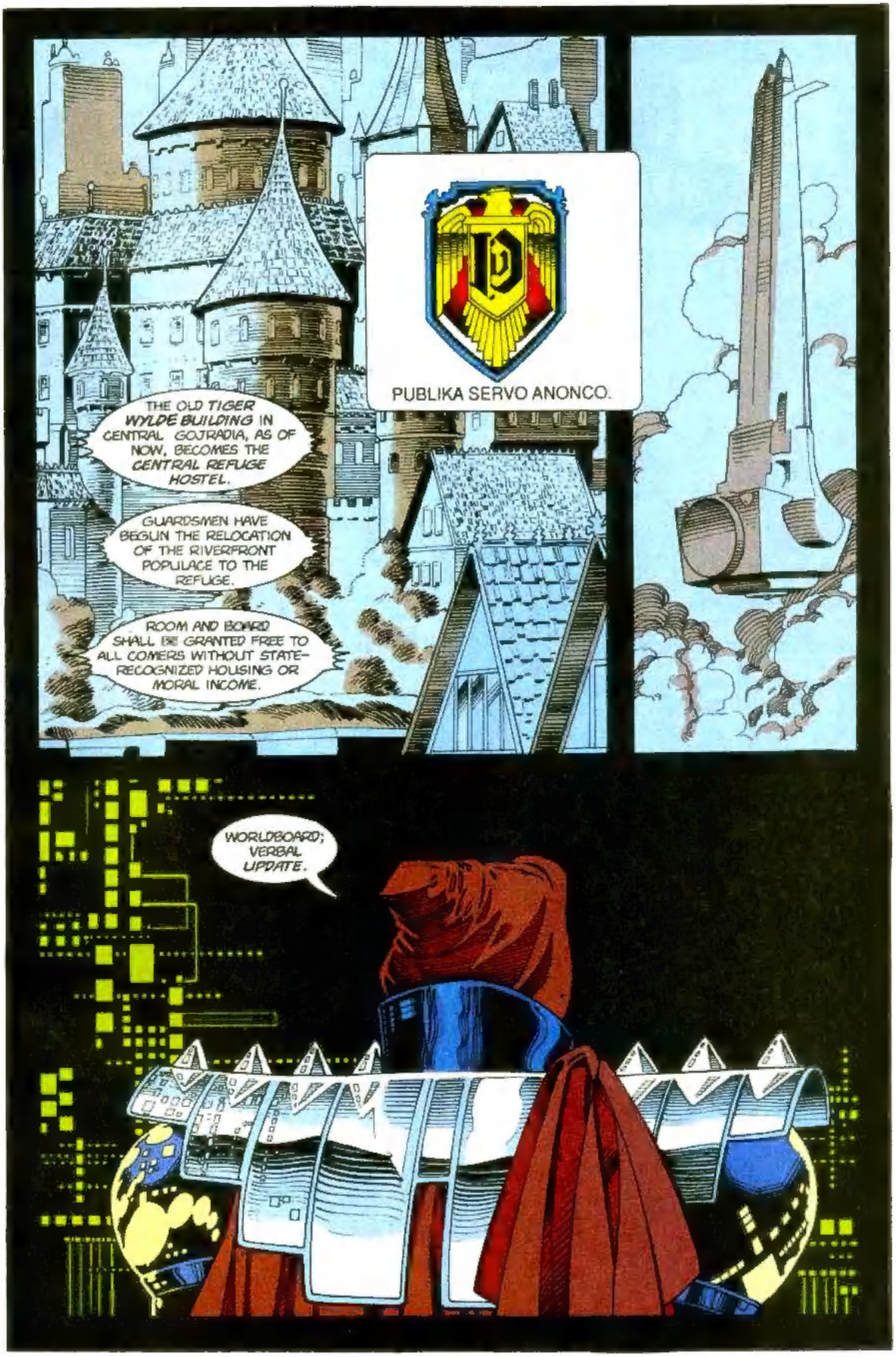
CUT
THE STRETCHING DEAD BODY
THE
LATVERIA: THE RIVERFRONT.
HERE, POET DIED IN A BLAZE OF VIOLENT ELECTRICITY, TRYING TO KILL THE 'FRONT'S KING PUSHER OF THE DRUG CALLED CHAIN.
THE PUSHER'S NAME IS MAJICK, AND HE'S HAVING A GOOD NIGHT.
HE OWNS THE 'FRONT NOW. MURDER IS WORTH STATUS WHEN THE MURDERED IS ONE OF DOOM'S PEOPLE.
HE DREAMS OF TIGHTENING HIS GRIP ON THE SCUM UP AND DOWN THE CIRI, BUILDING A JUNK KINGDOM.
GETTING THE GOJRADIA WAGEDRONES ADDICTED, RUNNING THE BLOOD GYPSIES OUT OF THE COUNTRY...
...BECOMING PRESIDENT OF THE NARCODEMOCRACY OF LATVERIA...
BEING THE LAW.

I HAVE BEEN KILLING PEOPLE ALL NIGHT.
IT GROWS DULL.
THIS COMMUNITY OF COPROPHAGIC TICKS AND MORAL MUTANTS HAS CONSIDERED ITSELF A SEPARATE WORLD FOR FAR TOO LONG.
THIS RIVERFRONT IS LATVERIA.
I AM LATVERIA.
AND IF YOU DO NOT PROVIDE ME WITH MAJICK, THE MURDERER OF POET, IMMEDIATELY--
-- I SHALL SCATTER YOUR THIN, RUINED ASHES ACROSS LATVERIAN SOIL.

KCHOW!
KCHOW

KCHOW
YAHHHHH
KCHOW

I AM DOOM.
HARM MY SUBJECTS, AND YOU HARM ME.
AND THEN I HARM YOU.
IF YOU WISH TO BECOME MY SUBJECTS, THEN COME WITH ME.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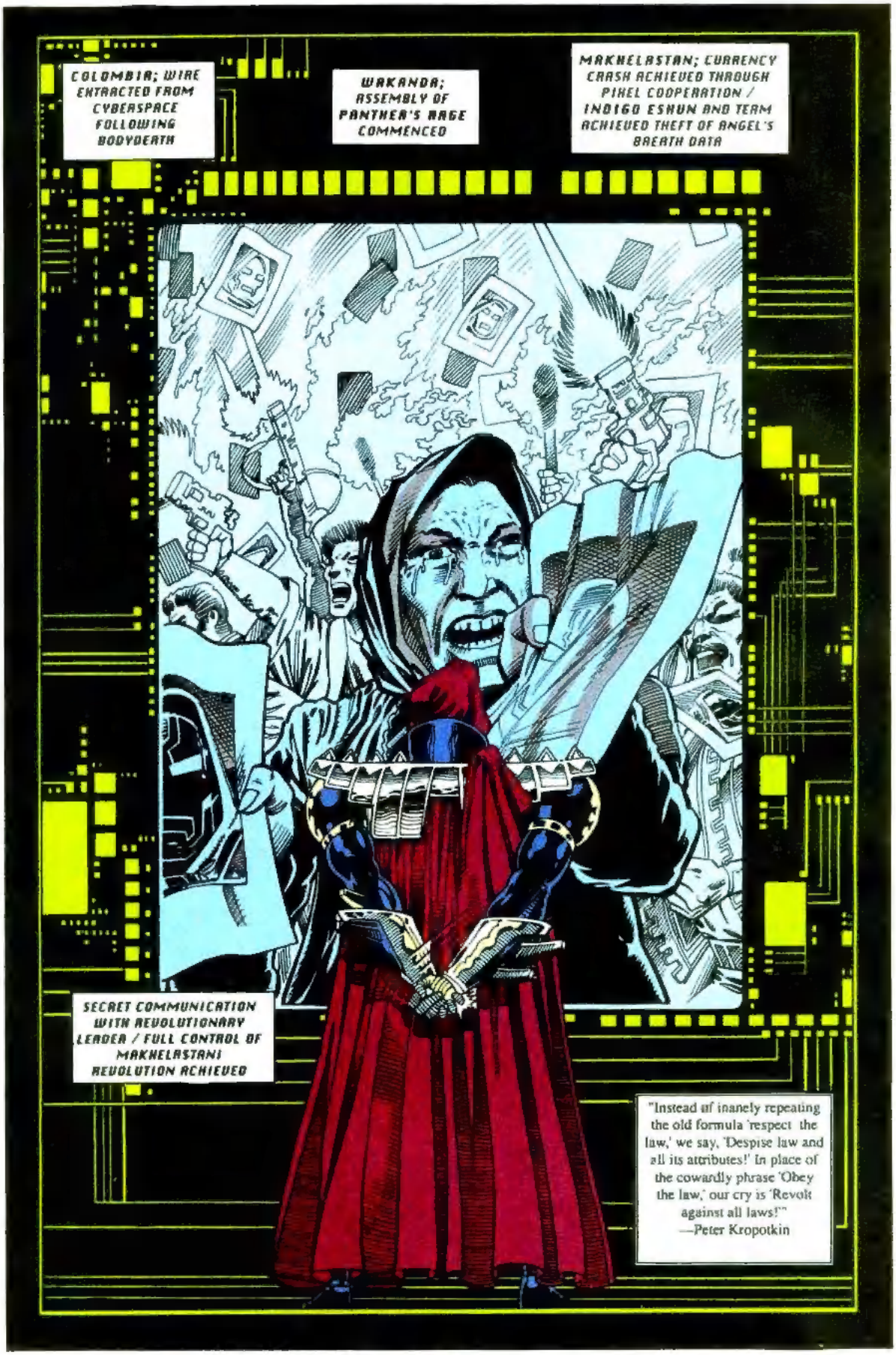
THE OLD TIGER WYLDE BUILDING IN CENTRAL GOJRADIA, AS OF NOW, BECOMES THE CENTRAL REFUGE HOSTEL.
GUARDSMEN HAVE BEGUN THE RELOCATION OF THE RIVERFRONT POPULACE TO THE REFUGE.
ROOM AND BOARD SHALL BE GRANTED FREE TO ALL COMERS WITHOUT STATE-RECOGNIZED HOUSING OR MORAL INCOME.
WORLDBOARD; VERBAL UPDATE.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"Instead of inanely repeating the old formula 'respect the law,' we say, 'Despise law and all its attributes!' In place of the cowardly phrase 'Obey the law,' our cry is 'Revolt against all laws!'"
—Peter Kropotkin

VOICES OF DOOM

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Out Of My Head

And another thing, I can't stand the smell of cafe au lait in hankatowns. It makes my head hurt and...YIKES!!

Off With His Head

Enough of the ceaseless criticisms of this bespectacled weasel with his paranoiac pseudo-profundities, his taste in pop culture trash and especially his top ten lists! Henceforward, the strains of the Latverian Anthem are to be heard in the land! Every heart will stir at the sound of marching jackboots! Every pulse will beat faster at the sight of the new Presidential Seal! Every gorge will rise if they have to read another "Out of My Head!"

From this day on, Doom rules America!

Dear *Voices of Doom*,

In DOOM 2099 #23 the mystery of Doom's identity deepened. The brainscan program that Duke Stratosphere located, while nothing new to those of us who followed the Doom/Kristoff war, did seem to confirm that one of the two Dooms is someone else with Doom's memories. By the way, if Duke Stratosphere watched the record of Doom's life, he knows too much. Perhaps Doom should eliminate him.

The path to Doom's identity has led through some unexpected places. We first learned of the other Dr. Doom in the Savage Land of all places. The latest piece of the puzzle was found in the tiny island nation of Myndia. If the general was right then "Doom" is really Erik Czerny. So much evidence seems to support this, yet there are still questions. If Erik's face was altered to match Dr. Doom's, why was it unscarred? Of course, that's a mystery in any case. But what about the memories Doom uncovered in the first issue? Many of them could be seen as Erik's final experiences altered so that they seemed to be Doom's memories. But are they?

Despite these questions, right now it seems likely that our Doom is the fake. But the General's words that Margaretta is "far more dangerous than the Doctor" stuck in my mind. Could Margaretta be clever enough to keep the false Doom at her side and trick everyone else including the real Doom himself to believe that he is the fake? Needless to say, I'm curious as to the answer. If I'm wrong though, will this book change its name to Dr. Doom: The Shadow King beginning with #26?

The rest of the story this issue was good. Pat Broderick and John Nyberg are still the best art team in 2099. Tiger Wylde's inevitable return was handled extremely well. By bringing him back as an android, you allowed him a rematch with Doom while also putting another nail in the real Tiger Wylde's coffin.

Some scenes are a little awkward though, such as how Doom and the General remained oblivious to Wylde's rampage until he came bursting in on them. And Bidjocka's death seemed somehow unreal, especially with Doom's out-of-place burst of humor.

You skipped over several hours at the end. During this time, Doom managed to secure the Myridian databanks by reprogramming the computers, but what did he learn in those files? I'm looking forward to those and the other answers coming up. Even better should be at least seeing Doom storm the gates of that mysterious citadel and the clash in issue #25, which should prove once and for all who is Doom.

Matt Kuhns
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And who is doomed.

DOOM 2099,

Here we are at almost 25 issues and you guys and girls still make me say after every issue, "what happens now?"

I must still stick to my assessment that DOOM 2099 is one of the finest comics today. Even when I'm puzzled and wonder why the Savage Land, you still pull out a great answer!

My sole complaint is you've lost some of the peripheral characters now that the focus seems firmly on Doom, or is it Doom? Following you anywhere and everywhere...

Steve Kopian
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No one's lost, Steve; you'll be seeing a lot more of Fortune, Wire and the rest of the supporting cast real soon.

Dear *Voices of Doom*,

You guys do a great job on DOOM 2099. The art and stories have been excellent! I collect all the 2099 titles, because I think your 2099 Universe is very cool. Just one question for you: who is the mysterious dude hanging out with Margaretta? He wouldn't happen to be Kang, would he? I can't wait to find out who this guy is.

Ray Goris
[Address withheld by request]

No, it wasn't Kang, but does that mean you'd like to see Kang?

Dear Voices of Doom,

I was really thrilled when I heard about DOOM 2099. I have always believed that Doom should have his own mag. I am also an avid collector of Dr. Doom. I even possess FANTASTIC FOUR #5. I hope that this is the real Doom. It would be a disappointment if not. If it isn't, please return the true Doom to us. Thanks.

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Yes, it would be a disappointment. Unless of course we made it really cool. Hee, hee, hee..

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